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WESLEYAN'S PRESIDENT
The Committee of the Trustees of Wesleyan have Selected Dr. W. A. Shanklin, '83, as President of that University.

Rev. William Arnold Shanklin, D. D., LL. D., was born at Carrollton, Mo., on April 18th, 1864. After finishing his preparatory education, he entered Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., in 1879, and from which he received an A. M. in 1895. He received an S. T. B. from Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., in 1891, his D. D. from the University of Washington, and in 1906 the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him at Baker University. He was ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1889; and subsequently assumed the duties of several pastorates, including churches at Peru, Kansas, Ft. Scott, Kan., Spokane, Wash., Dubuque, Ia., and Reading, Pa. From 1905 he has been president of Upper Iowa University, which is located at Fayette, Iowa, where his success has been noteworthy in many respects. He lately succeeded in raising a sum of more than \$158,000 for that institution, which, considering the circumscribed limits and the scanty wealth of that territory, indicates a spirit of the greatest energy and aggressiveness.

The following is the comment of the *Wesleyan Argus*—

"At last the suspense is over, and Wesleyan men can turn from chafing at the unsettled condition of affairs and the delayed solution, to look forward into the brighter future—a future that promises a larger college body, greater prosperity, wider influence and increased popularity to Alma Mater. We are all delighted, moreover, that the committee of the trustees have se-

lected such a man as Dr. Shanklin to be our president—a young man of acknowledged brilliancy, of considerable educational experience, of undoubted executive ability, and best of all, of tireless energy and activity. The college has been passing thru a critical period; like everything else of human origin, it has its ups and downs. We are in a condition now when we need a man at the head who can not only direct, but lead, and that firmly and rapidly. There is plenty of chance for progress; the only lack has been a leader. But now that lack is supplied, and by a man who has already done excellent work in one educational institution. We greet him with the hope that he will grasp the reins here with the same spirit of eagerness and progress that he has already displayed. We welcome Dr. Shanklin heartily; we offer him our ready assistance and support at any time he may call upon us. It is true that we look for a great deal from him, but we are also confident that he will not fall short of our expectations."

THE MUSICAL CLUBS

Except for the strains of doubtful melody frequently issuing from Commons and the Y. M. C. A., not much has yet been heard of the Musical Clubs. If anyone thinks, however, that the leaders and manager have not been busy, he does not know. Practices have been held from three to four hours a week since the second week of the term; new pieces have been learned and some of the old ones taught the new men. In fact, everything bids fair to a most successful season from every view-point.

The first concert of the year will be given on next Wednesday evening in

the Presbyterian Church at New York Mills. It has been impossible for the clubs to have the complete program in readiness at this early date, but a good concert is assured. The mid-winter trip will include Little Falls, Gloversville, Amsterdam and Schenectady. This comes during the first week in February. The Easter trip will be a tour of the western part of the state. Manager Krumbholz is going over the ground this week, making final arrangements. The schedule will be announced next week.

The program for New York Mills is as follows:

1. "Mulligan's Musketeers," Glee Club;
2. Selection from "The Three Twins," Mandolin Club;
3. "Love's Dilemma," Mr. Hastings and Mandolin Quartette;
4. "An Old Rat's Tale," Glee Club;
5. "Shoulder Straps," Mandolin Club;
6. "Vagabond," Mr. Sarles;
7. "The Devil's Patrol," Mandolin Club;
8. Quartette, Messrs. Hastings, Gouge, Sarles and Allen;
9. 1908 Campus Medley, Glee Club;
10. "Carissima," Glee Club.

In connection with the Musical Clubs there will be produced in Utica in early next term a one-act comedy, by Woolcott, '09, entitled "And Ye Took Me In." The plot is in itself fascinating, while the lines and situations are simple, and—just amusing. It being just a plain thing, it is singularly playable and should be in like manner successful. The play will probably be produced in the vicinity sporadically thruout the year. The cast is: Woolcott, Welch, Rudd, A. Osborn and Smyth, '09; Barber, '10.

To the Editor of Life:

As an alumnus of the College having, I respectfully submit, the right

to speak, and voicing as I believe, the opinion of every Hamilton alumnus and undergraduate and every observant spectator not a Colgate rooter, who watched the Colgate game last Saturday, I ask that our athletic authorities make immediate protest to the Central Board having charge of the officials, regarding the conduct of the individual who was assigned by the Board to officiate as umpire in that game; and that they notify the Central Board, in addition, that Hamilton will not tolerate, in the future, the assignment of this man to any game we participate in. This action should be placed frankly upon the grounds of his gross negligence and his utter incompetency, as exhibited in this game.

We were entitled to a square deal, on general principles. And by virtue of the conspicuous disparity in weight, years, and experience between the two teams, all of these elements preponderating in Colgate's favor, we had a more than ordinary right to this square deal. Indeed, we can even claim, with reason, that doubtful cases should have been resolved in our favor and that the officials should have been moved to extraordinary vigilance to protect our rights and to enforce the rules of the game against the Colgate players.

The reasonableness of these propositions becomes the more evident, when the fact is considered that we have made no protest up to date against the playing on her football team this year of those brilliant importations from Fordham—to give a particular instance; but on the contrary, have acted the part of true sportsmen and have opposed with our team of bona fide students, whatsoever men Colgate sent up to play on her team. We gave Colgate the benefit of the assumption that her team would at least confine themselves to the playing of clean, straight football, regardless of the make-up of her team; and we are prepared to take in a sportsmanlike fashion, the medicine of the defeat administered to us by that sort of football.

This assumption persisted for a time in spite of the misgivings that assailed the mind of Hamilton men upon looking over the Colgate players when they appeared upon the field; but the conduct of the Colgate team in the first half, and even in the first few minutes of play, showed that our chivalrous assumptions were wholly undeserved. Our diminutive players, mere boys all, were battered, held and slugged in every play, and in every part of the field of scrimmage, by these burly bruisers, all of them grown men.

Violations of the rules by the Colgate team were incessant and obviously deliberate. Their interference repeatedly held our ends and backs and tackles on end runs and tackle plays. Drummond, Leavenworth and Harper were manhandled every time they punted, in direct violation of a specific article of the rules. Slugging in the line was committed at almost every play, in plain view of the spectators. The concerted effort to put Drummond, Sidle and Glover out of the game were so obvious as to evoke general comment. The unconcealed foul tactics indulged in by the whole left side of the Colgate line to do up Drummond, must have been easily observed by the Colgate stands themselves, and the repeated attempts, culminating in a successful effort by Captain Whalen of the Colgate team, to put Sidle out of the game actually were so observed. Glover valiantly withstood the attacks concentrated upon himself and succeeded in finishing the game.

In view of the serious nature, the constant and deliberate repetition, and the openness of these offenses, drastic penalties should have been inflicted by the umpire, and a sufficient number of the Colgate players should have been summarily disqualified to deter the remainder from a continuance of the illegal practices. Only a few penalties, however, were imposed by the umpire. Not a single Colgate player was disqualified, and only one received from the umpire, and then only on a single occasion, such a thing as a "warning." The spectators on the side lines, whose

blood boiled at what they saw, repeatedly called the umpire's attention to these fellows, and pleaded with him to do his duty; all to no avail. He could not see, apparently, what was plain to every one else.

I am the last to underestimate the difficulties of the umpire's position. It is hard for one watching the game to keep his eyes away from the ball, and to observe the movements of players who are not close to the ball in the play. For this reason, an umpire's service should be judged charitably. But after making every proper allowance on this account, it remains undisputable that negligence and incompetency alone, on the part of the umpire, can account for the failure to observe and punish the mucker tactics that were indulged in by the pack of roughs who composed a part of the Colgate team, and which were plainly observed throughout the game by all the spectators who were in a position to follow the play. The recklessness and frequency with which the offenses were committed, rob the case of any legitimate excuse to this official for his grave dereliction.

In conclusion, let me say that I hold no brief for the "soft" game of football. Football is neither ping-pong nor tennis; it is a sturdy, hard game, and I, for one, do not believe in playing the game in dress-suits. When I played, I played the strongest, hardest game I could, and I never whined and complained to the umpire; but I never subscribed to the doctrine of intentionally misusing a younger or weaker opponent. I will say in passing, that I admired the way our team on Saturday took this medicine that was handed out to them—without a whimper. We expected a hard game; we expected to be beaten. By all rules, we were beaten by fifty points before the game commenced. We had the right, however, to expect that only straight, clean and honorable methods would be employed to accomplish our defeat.

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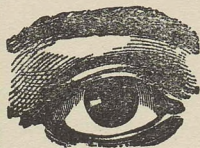
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LIFE HAS FOUND A FEATURE IN "Lit." that is worthy of commendation. The announcement in said publication's last issue of prizes for essays on certain informal subjects is as gratifying as it is enterprising. To have a student organization initiate a competition which has ever belonged to the precincts of the Faculty room is a thing marvelous in these beardless, unscholarly days. But it is a step, and prophecies further progress. If Hamilton is to be the retainer of the old scholarship, it is necessary that a more literary spirit prevail on the Hill. The fact that it is the men on the *Lit.* Board are the financiers of the competition is a sign of true interest. The College should see to it that the efforts and sacrifice of these men are of avail.

THE PRESS CLUB OF 1908-9 HAS AT last been organized. Its organization is unique in that the entire work of the club is incumbent on committees. Thus, whatever of effectiveness is attained will depend on the six men who

comprise the committee executives. To each is given entire freedom of policy in his department, and also the responsibility for the work and worth of his department. The personnel was published in last week's issue.

The project is one important to Hamilton. Being the least advertised of colleges, Hamilton has been continuously handicapped. To overcome this almost traditional fault is the aim of the club. The men are earnest and efficient, but their efforts will be relatively futile if general co-operation is lacking. This means the College as a whole—student-body and alumni. All can help either by suggestion, financial aid or active work.

IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT WE are to be affiliated even more closely than before with the N. Y. S. I. A. U. LIFE acquiesces in this decision reached by the managers of the four major sports, but suggests that Hamilton take the lead and make this Union a living reality. If this Union has rules of eligibility and a constitution of some kind they are certainly unknown to the undergraduates and even to the managers of teams. There should be a rule limiting the playing of one man in any college sport to four years, and there should be a rule against the playing of a man entering from other colleges in his first year. What has gone far to discredit the Union in the past has been the apparent lack of any power to enforce rules and the lack of any rules to enforce. The Union has been for some years a dead-letter—a mere tradition, existing only by sufferance; it is for Hamilton to give it life and usefulness.

THE THANKSGIVING RECESS gives us an interesting example of the force of numbers. With apologies to the mathematical department, we would formulate some such law as this: "The life and power of a college increases as the square of the numbers enrolled." The forty or fifty fellows left on the Hill last Thursday wandered around aimlessly, as if afraid to break the unwonted silence, or rushed into Utica, to be

among people again. "Man is a social animal," and there is a stimulus in mere numbers, in the activity of gathered humanity. This is an age of big things, and it behooves the small college, as such, to carefully scan the wall for that famous handwriting.

THE RUMOR of an extension of our intercollegiate debating is to LIFE a welcome one, and we cannot forbear to say a few words of endorsement, in the hope that the project may succeed and may inaugurate a new era in Hamilton debating. The value of training and experience in argumentation for developing logical and incisive qualities of mind cannot be overestimated. The compulsory debating courses in our upper-class years have gone to seed of late for sheer lack of stimulus; they are at present regarded by the student as a necessary bore—an unavoidable importunity, to be met and propitiated with the least exertion possible. This is not entirely the fault of the instructors, for the practical need of a stimulus has not been supplied, and the men will not work thoroly at such a course unless there is a tangible in view.

However, the lack of provision for training in forensic and extempore rebuttal has permitted the degeneration of our debating into a series of pipped spiels—about the worst debating experience a man could possibly have. Dr. Squires' innovation of extempore debates, and Prof. Lewis' instruction in brief-drawing, are steps in the right direction, but so long as our formal debating is limited to a lackadaisical interclass exhibition, a single intercollegiate debate for which the team is elected unthinkingly by an apathetic student-body, and of which no one takes the trouble to inquire the result until LIFE prints it Saturday morning, and a prize contest at the end of Senior year, we need expect no debating standard worthy of the College. There is no good reason why two intercollegiate debate teams of three men each cannot be picked, as was done some years ago, and LIFE believes that their members should be

chosen by competent judges, after a "stab" contest, open perhaps to twelve debaters—six from each of the upper classes, who in the judgment of the instructors have done the best work thru the term. Then we should have in the work an incentive to "make the team," which would put this branch of the curriculum on a proper footing. Moreover, LIFE fails to perceive the undoubtedly excellent reason why preliminary work in debate is not begun during Freshman year; if a course in briefing, etc., were to be substituted for the four hours a week of mathematical "elocution" rules, which do not benefit our speaking—or, for that matter, anything else—no few unwitting iconoclasts among the students and alumni would indulge in a sigh of relief. Anyone who knows anything of the debating work done by the better secondary schools cannot but smile at the theory that a normal first-year college man has not enough activity of intelligence to learn to arrange an argument in logical order.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

Seven men attended the State Convention of Student Volunteers held at Syracuse, November 20-22. Spencer was leader of the delegation. The other men were Leavenworth, Brasted and Lloyd, '10, Robinson and Day, '11, and Clark, '12. Three of these men will give a report of the conference at the regular Sunday afternoon meeting.

The three upper classes will meet at 3:00 to begin the study of Confucianism. An interesting program is arranged and those in charge desire a good attendance. The Freshmen will meet at this same hour for their regular Bible Study class.

Martin, '11, will speak in the Stone Church Chapel at 6:30 Sunday evening on his favorite subject, "Mormonism." We recommend Martin as a very interesting talker, and urge his support by the men here on the Hill.

Stube, '10, supplied the pulpit of the Congregational Church at Paris Hill last Sunday and tomorrow he will be in Augusta, N. Y., on a like mission.

Knox, '10, who is in charge of our work among the Utica Italian boys, assures us that "labor is not in vain," but that results can already be seen. The number of boys in attendance is limited to those who attend Sunday School, and is by no means small. Story telling, magic lantern shows, slight o' hand tricks, new games, music of all kinds; these help keep the boys from the degrading influence of the streets. It is encouraging to see so many men take an active interest in this work.

ADVISORY BOARD

Notice is given that a meeting of the Advisory Board will take place on Monday evening at 7:30. The meeting is an important one. Several elections will take place and recommenda-

tions to the Athletic Association will be decided.

—At the meeting of the captains and managers of the four major athletic departments, last Friday evening, it was decided to keep up and strengthen our relations with the N. Y. S. I. A. U. on condition of the union's accepting three propositions to be introduced by our representative at the next meeting.

—In looking thru the College Register we find students from fifteen different states. Utica, naturally, is the leading city, with sixteen representatives, New York has nine, Brooklyn has seven, and Clinton seven. About eighty-six hail from New York state, while the others are scattered from California to Massachusetts.

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HILL NOTES

—Freshman term essays are due on Monday.

—The new Campus views are on sale at King's.

—There was no Theological Club or Freshman Prayer Meeting this week.

—Pratt, Bates, and Baird, '12, are candidates for the Assistant Manager-ship of Baseball.

—The following alumni were on the Hill last week: Wager, '84, Seovel, '96, Lyon, ex-'08.

—Several Michigan men, east for the Michigan-Syracuse game, were on the Hill Sunday.

—Dr. Stryker delivered the sermon last Sunday, the first in four weeks. Ottawa, '12, fainted.

—The Sophomore Class picture was

taken Monday morning, in front of the Hall of Languages.

—Prof. Sicard will be at his home in Buffalo until Monday.

—It has been decided to have the Junior set-ups posted at Van Sylke's.

—Baseball has been a popular sport during afternoons of the past week.

—The Sophomore Hop Committee reports a balance of five dollars, which will be used toward a banner.

—At the Student Volunteer Conference in Syracuse, Saturday, Roswell Bates, '92, described a round-the-world mission tour.

—The Sophomore pipes have been ordered from John Middleton, Philadelphia. They have bowls of bird's-eye maple, and straight stems. The lettering of the bowl consists of an in-laid block "H" with a figure "1" on each side.

—The D. T.s held their Initiation in Clinton, Saturday evening, and Flagler, Armistead, Gouge and Burdick, '11, were initiated. At 8:30 they took the car to Utica, where a banquet and pleasant evening were enjoyed at the Hotel Martin.

—The Junior Prom. will be held on February 11th. It is expected to make the affair more of a success than ever before, and the committee is sparing no effort to this end. The Committee: Barber, *Chairman*, Baldwin, Wheeler, Mix, Leavenworth, Glover, McNair, Stube,

BASKETBALL

The Basketball schedule for the season is as follows:

Jan. 15—Union at Clinton.
Jan. 22—Hobart at Clinton.
Jan. 29—St. Lawrence at Clinton.
Feb. 4—Tufts at Clinton.
Feb. 10—Colgate at Clinton.
Feb. 17—Union at Schenectady.
Feb. 18—Williams at Williamstown.
Feb. 19—Trinity at Hartford.
Feb. 20—Tufts at Boston.
March 2—Colgate at Hamilton.

Class games will be during the week, February 22-27.

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play by. So long as the rules have been laid down and exist, they should be observed and should be enforced, and so long as an umpire is appointed to enforce those rules, that umpire should do his duty. Either that, or have it understood that the rules will not be enforced and that the umpire will do nothing. We should have been perfectly willing to have played the game under these last-named conditions, if those conditions had been laid down and understood; but as it was, our players observed the rules, and hence gave themselves no fair opportunity to repay in kind, to the best of their ability, the tactics they continuously met with. If they had pursued the same tactics followed by their opponents, they would probably, according to the way things went, have been penalized and disqualified.

But when our plucky but diminutive team of young boys was mauled and slugged and crippled by the parcel of full-grown, powerful bruisers who made up part of this Colgate team, and disgraced the name of Colgate University; partly because these fellows had determined in advance to do the job, and partly because they were infuriated over the stubborn Hamilton defense and the superior play of our lightweight team, and saw that they could not make satisfactory headway by the use of decent and sportsman-like methods we had the right to expect, and it was our only remedy, that the official whose duty it was to guard against this brutality, should discharge that duty fully. This he most certainly did not do. Hence this communication. We owe it to our team that they be protected from him here after; and their pluck and heroism, and their honorable accomplishment against the great odds, deserve this public recognition and this public expression of protest regarding the matters I have discussed. Yours, etc.,

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